GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FM RADIO STATION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to review the policy with regards to FM radio stations in the country;

(b) if so, whether the new guidelines has been decided;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number ;of private FM radio stations are functioning in the country at present; and

(e)the number of towns/cities are selected for allowing private FM radio stations in the country particularly in kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDEY)

(a),(b) and (c) Government had constituted committee on 24.7.2003 under the chairman ship of Dr. Amit Mitra, Secretary General, FICCI, to make recommendations o f FM Broadcasting for phase-ll. The Committee submitted its reports to the governments in Novmber,2003 , which is available on Ministres web site(http:// www.mib.nic.in). The report, alongwith comments received from general public thereon, has been referred to TRAI for their recommendations, which are awaited .

(d) 21 Private FM Radio stations are currently operational .

(e) 40 cities were selected for private FM Radio Broadcasting in phase-I which includes Thiruvananthapuram and Kochin in Kerala.